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This bureau is in receipt of numerous requests for Indian names suitable for use by Camp Fire Girls and as camp names, and often for the translation into one or more of the many Indian languages of English expressions involving concepts wholly foreign to the Indian mode of thought. It is impossible for the bureau to devote the time and to meet the expense of special research incident to questions of this kind.

Appended is a selection of simplified Indian names designed to meet most of the requests received. The pronunciation of these names is as follows: *a* as in father; *â* as in law; *e* as *a* in hate; *i* as in machine; *ai* as in aisle; *u* as in rule. Short vowels are indicated in the customary manner (ă, ě, ĭ, ŏ, ŭ); ñ is nasalized, as in drink. The consonants are as in English.

PERSONAL NAMES

DAKOTA (SIOUX)

Chúmani.....	Dewdrops.	Wíshtecha.....	Modest.
Chañtéyukañ....	Benevolent.	Wakíchoñze....	A leader.
Chápa.....	Beaver.	Wañyécha.....	Firefly.
Chañtésuta.....	To be firm of heart.	Wicháka.....	To be true.
Akikta.....	One who works with de- termination.	Wa.....	Snow.
Machá.....	The aurora.	Zítkála.....	Little bird.
Kimímela.....	The butterfly.	Zónta.....	Trustworthy.
Tańkaku.....	Her younger sister.	Wakápa.....	To excel.
Wózhupiwi.....	The planting moon (May).	Wápika.....	Skillful.
Wóksapiwi.....	The harvest moon (Au- gust).	Wakíñyela.....	Dove.
		Wóape.....	Hope.
		Wówashi.....	A worker.
		Mahpíyato.....	Blue cloud.

OMAHA

Mítēna.....	The coming moon.	Tadéwi.....	Wind woman.
Mígina.....	Fairy woman.	Táigi.....	The returning new woman.
Míhewi.....	Sun woman.		
Táini.....	The coming new moon.		

OSAGE

Íniabi.....	Refers to the sun, on which all life depends.	Níabi.....	Fawn ("One that is spared by the hunter").
Mísae.....	The white sun.	Mína.....	Elder sister.
		Wíhe.....	Younger sister.

COOS

Wáwa.....	Little girl.	Yóómee.....	Star.
Oóyu.....	Rainbow.	Aléshanee.....	She plays all the time.
Yiméyam.....	Bright.	Towáyam.....	Beloved by all, lovable.
Álkas.....	She is afraid.	Heeneékis.....	Equal to any.
Nehewítsin.....	Pretty.	Tkális.....	Sun.
Mítsis.....	Wise.	Háyooaháina.....	She is very active.

BLACKFOOT

Kokatosi.....	Star.	Aponi.....	Butterfly.
Nituna.....	My daughter.	Kíniks.....	Rosebud.

DELAWARE

Cholena.....	Bird.	Zelozelos.....	Cricket.
Chimalus.....	Bluebird.	Woatawes.....	Flower.
Cholentit.....	Little bird.	Minal.....	Fruit.

CHEYENNE

Ístas.....	Snow.	Ioviano.....	Yellow hawk.
Otókson.....	Little stars.	Nakashgonam.....	My child.
Viho.....	Chief.	Hoimani.....	Lawmaker.
Woiviho.....	Cloud chief.	Ihikona.....	Industrious worker.

CHEROKEE

Ayüñli.....	First in the dance, dance leader.	Gahistíski.....	Peacemaker.
Kamáma.....	Butterfly.	Sinásta.....	Expert.
Nákwisi.....	Star.	Salali.....	Squirrel.
Adsíla.....	Blossom.	Salá'linita.....	Young squirrel.
Ayíta.....	Worker.	Awinita.....	Young deer.
Gatáyahi.....	Jealous one.	Táyanita.....	Young beaver.
Gálílahi.....	Amiable, gentle, attractive.	Yána.....	Bear.
Gatítla.....	They run to her.	Ináli.....	Black fox.
		Nuñdayeli.....	Midday sun.
		Tsuñgani.....	Excels all others.

SENECA

Deweñ'doñs.....	It swings.	Ogoñwage'soñ.....	Along the hillside.
Gaoñya'was.....	It shakes the sky.	Awe'ogon.....	Nothing but flowers.
Gaji'jens.....	Its flowers fall.	Aweí'noñ.....	Moving flowers.
Gahadi'yas.....	It crosses the forest.	Aweñde'a.....	Early day.
Ganoñwí'yas.....	It crosses the swamp.	Gaguyewak'hon.....	It awakens them.
Saiyen'gu.....	Lost again in mist.	Gaha'dihse.....	It drags the forest.
Yaneñowi.....	She guards the corn.	Ganonkwénon.....	She is alert.
Goñwasgoñ'gwen.....	She took one from the water.		

CHIPPEWA (OJIBWA)

Swangideed.....	Brave, courageous.	Wábanang.....	Eastern star (Morning star).
Memengwa.....	Butterfly.	Inawendiwin....	Friendship.
Chamaniked.....	Canoe maker.	Nitagewinini....	Good hunter.
Ogima.....	Chief.	Makisinikewinini.	Moccasin maker.
Ogimáwiwin.....	Chieftainship.	Wáwinges.....	Skillful.
Námid.....	Dancer.	Wábaningosi.....	Snowbird.
Odánisima.....	Daughter.	Anáng.....	Star.
Bidában.....	It begins to dawn.	Songitehe.....	Strong-hearted.
Enábandang.....	Dreamer.		
Migisi.....	Eagle.		

CAMP NAMES

CHEROKEE

Adáhi.....	In the woods; forest place.
Taláhi.....	In the oaks; oak forest.
Natsíhi.....	In the pines.
Tsiskwáhi.....	Bird place.
Amáiýúlti.....	Water side; near the water.
Tahígwa.....	At peace.
Salúyi.....	In the thicket.
Inagéi.....	In the wilderness.
Watuhíyi.....	Beautiful place.
Gatúsi.....	In the mountain.
Abalúna.....	Lookout place.
Unalíyi.....	Place of friends.
Unilawísti.....	Council place.
Gatíyi.....	Town house (tribal dance and council house).
Akwénasa.....	My home.
Amadáhi.....	Forest water.
Ayelíyu adáhi.....	In the heart (middle) of the woods.
Uñtalúlti.....	On the bank of the lake.
Elítséhi.....	Green meadow; verdant fields.
Ustanáli.....	Rock ledge.
Nuñta udéliga.....	Sunset.
Yânáhi.....	Bear place.
Wahilíyi.....	Eagle place.
Kútsá'te uñtalúlti.....	House by the lake.
Kútsá'te adáhi.....	House in the woods.

IROQUOIS

Wáskwaha.....	}Camp, temporary shelter.
Kanósera.....	
Kahágon.....	In the forest.
Otáhnagon.....	In the pine woods.

CHIPPEWA

Chickagami.....	By the lake.
Wasábinang.....	Outlook, at the place of looking.
Nisátin.....	At the foot of the mountain.
Minítik.....	Island, one covered with trees.

Wakitátina.....	On the hilltop.
Anokiwáki.....	Hunting-ground.
Pikwátina.....	Hill or mountain.
Anwébewin.....	Rest, quietness.
Gaběšhiwin, nibewin.....	Camp.
Ningaběšh.....	I camp.
Ogimawigamig.....	In the chief's lodge.
Nawakwa.....	In the middle of the forest.
Chigakwa.....	Near the forest.
Wigiwam.....	Lodge.
Wanagekogamig.....	Lodge of cedar-bark.
Wigwasiwigamig.....	Lodge of birch-bark.
Wakaigan.....	Log house.
Manakiki.....	Maple forest.
Ininatig.....	Maple tree.
Miskwawak.....	Red cedar.
Mishkwawakokang.....	In a place where there are red cedars.
Agaming.....	On the shore.
Mitigwaki.....	Woods (forest).
Mitigwaking.....	In the woods.
Nopiming.....	In a forest.

MISCELLANEOUS CAMP AND CLUB NAMES

Language.	Name.	Meaning.
Arikara.....	Ákanu.....	Lodge.
Crow.....	Ashé.....	Lodge.
Arapaho.....	{Áwi.....	Lodge.
	{Naiset.....	Sunset.
Mohawk.....	{Joníto otára.....	Beaver club or society.
	{Otyókwa.....	A group or body of persons forming a single fellowship.
Miami.....	{Assándawi.....	Place of sunshine.
	{Tapawíngo.....	Place of joy.
Huron.....	Katinónkwat.....	Heart's desire.
Chippewa.....	Amíkwa-odódem.....	Beaver club or society.
Cheyenne.....	Ninovan.....	Our home.

The bureau is also in constant receipt of requests for titles of books on Indian folk-tales and myths. To meet this demand, the following list of a few of the published writings on the subject is given:

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